

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on March 3, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Keane, Chairman (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 8, 2/23/2005; SB 61, 2/23/2005;
SB 64, 2/23/2005

Executive Action: SB 8, SB 61, SB 5

HEARING ON SB 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on **SB 61**,
Legislative liaison to state fund board of directors.

00:02:06

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:50 Matthew Cohn, State Fund

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:15

HEARING ON SB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. GLENN ROUSH (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on **SB 8**, Revise
terminology and procedure in workers' compensation laws.

00:09:28

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:48 Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry

[EXHIBIT \(buh47a01\)](#)

00:17:50 Nancy Butler, State Fund

00:18:08 Bob Worthington, Municipal Insurance Authority

00:18:34 Jed Fitch, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

00:18:56 Shawn Bubb, Montana School Board Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:04

Rep Windy Boy entered the room

HEARING ON SB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on **SB 64**,
Revise contractor registration laws.

00:20:40

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:21 Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry

00:25:00 Byron Roberts, Building industry Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:39

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:09

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8

Motion: REP. VILLA moved that SB 8 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:53:02

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REP. MENDENHALL
will carry.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 61

Motion: REP. GALVIN-HALCRO moved that SB 61 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion: REP. GALVIN-HALCRO moved that SB 61 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:54:36

EXHIBIT (buh47a02)

Vote: Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote. REP. STAHL voted no.

Motion: REP. GALVIN-HALCRO moved that SB 61 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:57:07

Vote: Motion carried 13-5 by voice vote with REP. DOWELL, REP. FUREY, REP. GALLIK, REP. HEINERT, and REP. JOPEK voting no. REP. VILLA will carry.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 5

Motion: REP. MCKENNEY moved that SB 5 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

01:00:17

Vote: Motion failed 5-13 by roll call vote with REP. BERGREN, REP. DOWELL, REP. HEINERT, REP. STAHL, and REP. WINDY BOY voting aye.

Motion/Vote: REP. VILLA moved that SB 5 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried 13-5 by voice vote with REP. BERGREN, REP. DOWELL, REP. HEINERT, REP. STAHL, and REP. WINDY BOY voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh47aad0.PDF](#))